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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LITTLEBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for the
YEAR 1958



Medical Officer of Health

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Public Health Inspector

THOMAS KEARNS, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.



URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended 31st December 1958

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my forty-sixth Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your District during the year 1958.

POPULATION

The estimated population (as supplied by the County Council) of the District is 10,500 as compared with 10,550 for last year. The population at the Census in 1951 was 10,982.

AREA

The District extends over an area of 7,855 acres, and is situated on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire at a height ranging from about 440 to 1,550 feet above sea level.

The climate is somewhat damp but bracing.

The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods and synthetic fibres, leather tanning, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining and dyeing and finishing.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of deaths in the District in 1958 was 146, 67 males and 79 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 13.9 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The number of births was 178, 93 males and 85 females, which is equivalent to a birth rate of 17.0.

There were 5 still births, 3 males and 2 females, giving a rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births of 27.3.

The births exceeded the deaths by 32 and the birth rate exceeded the death rate by 3.1. The mean death rate for the past five years was 0.1 below the mean birth rate.

For 1957 the birth rate was 13.7 and the death rate also 13.7 and the averages for the past five years were:- birth rate 13.6 and death rate 13.5.

From these figures it will be seen that the birth rate is 3.3 above the previous year and 3.4 above the average for the past five years, and the death rate 0.2 above the previous year and 0.4 above the average.

For further particulars see tables in the Report.



The health visiting is under the supervision of the County Council.

INFANT DEATHS

There have been 6 deaths under one year of age, 3 males and 3 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 33.7 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 1 death and a rate of 7 for 1957.

From these figures it will be seen that the rate is 26.7 above the previous year and 16.3 above the average.

There have been 5 deaths under 4 weeks of age - 2 males and 3 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 28.1 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 1 death and a rate of 7.0 for 1957.

PHTHISIS DEATHS

One.

CANCER DEATHS

14.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Nil.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

37 Cases of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year, against 115 for 1957. Details are as follows:-

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Tuberculosis.	6	2
Scarlet Fever.	-	1
Diphtheria.	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-
Acute Pneumonia (primary and influenzal).	-	-
Acute Encephalitis.	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
Small-pox.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	14
Measles.	31	98

One point again worthy of comment is the fact that 1958 was the twelfth year in succession in which no cases of Diphtheria were notified. The last case occurred in April 1946 and the last death from this disease occurred in December 1945. Such a long spell without the occurrence of a case is sufficient evidence of the value of Diphtheria immunisation. In order to maintain this record, it is essential that parents should continue to have their children immunised. It is also pleasing to report that no cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year. The previous totally-free year from this disease was 1917.

SCARLET FEVER

Nil.

WHOOPING COUGH

Nil.



MEASLES

31 cases occurred, all of which were treated at home. There were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death from Tuberculosis during the year, and one death in 1957.

There were 12 notifications, 8 of which were new additions to the register, (6 new cases and 2 transferred from other Districts) and 4 duplicate notifications which were notifications of discharge of patients from Hospitals and Sanatoria. The occupations of the new additions to the register were as follows:- Cotton Operatives 2, Baker 1, Housewives 2, Labourer 1, Scholar 1 and pre-School 1.

The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1952 no longer require a Medical Officer of Health to keep a register of tuberculosis notifications, but the Minister of Health urges that registers should continue to be kept. A register is therefore maintained of all cases notified and weekly statements forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health of all admissions to and removals from the register.

The number of Tuberculous persons in the District at the beginning of the year was 58 - 45 Pulmonary and 13 non-Pulmonary. 8 Cases have been added to the register, 7 Pulmonary and 1 non-Pulmonary. 4 Cases - 3 Pulmonary and 1 non-Pulmonary have been removed from the register, leaving a total of 62 at the end of the year - 49 Pulmonary and 13 non-Pulmonary. Of the 4 cases removed from the register, 3 have died, (2 of which died from other causes) and 1 has recovered.

The body of the Report contains details of the work of the department during the year and the report of the Public Health Inspector sets out details of the sanitary circumstances of the district.

In concluding this Report I should like to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from Mr. Clough, Mr. Kearns, Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Howarth.

I am,

Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

J. T. R. MACGILL.

Medical Officer of Health.

16th June 1959.



VITAL STATISTICS

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births.	Legitimate.	165	86	79	Birth-Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1958 - 17.0
	Illegitimate.	13	7	6	
		178	93	85	
Stillbirths.	Legitimate.	5	3	2	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 27.3
	Illegitimate.	-	-	-	
		5	3	2	
Deaths.		146	67	79	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population - 13.9
					Crude 13.9
					Adjusted 15.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion ... Nil.

Mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births ... Nil.

INFANT MORTALITY

		Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	...	6	3	3
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
	Total.	6	3	3

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births ... 33.7

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age 5.

Rate per 1,000 live births ... 28.1



POPULATION: 10,500

	Per 1,000 of estimated population				Maternal Mortality Rate.	
	Live Birth-rate	Crude death-rate.	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	Death-rate from Cancer.	Per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	Rate of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.
Mean of 5 years (1953-57)	13.6	13.5	0.05	1.81	1.24	17.4
Year 1958.	* 17.0	Ø 13.9	0.10	1.33	Nil.	33.7
Year 1957.	13.7	13.7	0.09	1.90	Nil.	7.0
Increase or decrease in 1958 on 5 year's average.	+ 3.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.05	- 0.48	- 1.24	+ 16.3
Previous year.	- 0.3	- 0.4	+ 0.06	+ 0.17	- 1.24	- 23.0

* Adjusted live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.00) = 17.0 per 1,000.
 Ø Adjusted death-rate (comparability factor 1.10) = 15.3 per 1,000.



VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1958

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females
All causes.	67	79
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	1	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases.	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-
9. Other infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
10 - 15. All forms of Cancer.	8	6
16. Diabetes.	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system.	7	15
18 - 20. Heart Disease.	20	30
21. Other Diseases of Circulatory system.	3	3
22. Influenza.	-	-
23. Pneumonia.	1	1
24. Bronchitis.	7	7
25. Other respiratory diseases.	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	1	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	5	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations.	1	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	8	8
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	4	-
34. All other accidents.	-	3
35. Suicide.	1	2
36. Homicide and Operations of War.	-	-



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1958, FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT
OF LITTLEBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspect- ions.	Written notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	12	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	91	31	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	103	33	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.(S.1)	3	2	-	1	-
Overcrowding. (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation. (S.4)	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors. (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences.(S.7)	-	2	-	1	-
(a) Insufficient.	-	2	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork.)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	4	6	-	3	-

LITTLEBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

for the year 1958.

To the Medical Officer of Health of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1958, in accordance with Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations 1935. Comment is made on several aspects of the work but other details, statistics etc., have been included in your report to the County Medical Officer of Health, a copy of which is attached to this report.

A summary sheet is also attached showing details of the visits and inspections made during the year. Compared with the previous year, 931 more visits have been made, the increases being mainly under the headings of Public Health Act visits, Water Supply, Ashes Accommodation, Drainage, Factories and Slaughterhouses.

HOUSING

Little progress can be reported in dealing with the 109 houses earmarked for clearance under the 5 year programme in 1955 but this is largely due to the building of new houses not having been recommended by the Council. Since the end of the year under review, the building of eight one-bedroom flats for old people has been planned and the resumption of slum clearance in respect of 10 houses comprising two areas. Further progress in dealing with the houses included in the clearance programme should also be possible by the demolition of houses now vacant.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Council scheme for renewal of defective dustbins continues to function satisfactorily and the number renewed or supplied (310) is slightly higher than the original estimate (290) for annual renewals. This is largely due to the provision of additional bins to eliminate joint usage and it may be necessary to increase this figure in the coming year in order to supply additional bins at premises where similar use at present obtains. Joint usage is not conducive to the best care of bins and does not assist in the maintenance of an efficient refuse collection service.

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied by the Rochdale Corporation and the number of houses connected to the mains is 3,453.

A disturbing feature of the private supplies was the high proportion of samples (10 out of 18) found, on bacteriological examination to be polluted to a greater or lesser degree. In all cases owners of houses served by these supplies were advised regarding precautionary measures, but considerable difficulty has been experienced in tracing sources of pollution. In many cases, supplies are obtained from open moorland streams and are very liable to pollution but this varies from time to time.



RENT ACT 1957

This Act came into operation on 6th July 1957, and for the first full year (1958) only 11 applications (10 approved) were received compared with 14 applications for the previous part year which the Act was in operation. The number of applications appears to be low in relation to the number of houses in respect of which rent increases appear to have been applied. No figures are available in respect of the latter however.

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

The Council policy of encouraging the conversion of obsolete types of closets to the water carriage system was continued during the year, and in order to further this policy, particularly where pail closets are used in common, the Council amended the payment of grants up to a maximum of £10 so that each unit of accommodation is eligible for grant instead of payment for each closet converted as previously obtained. 6 pail closets and 17 waste water closets were converted during the year.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughtering is carried on at two slaughterhouses in the district. One is conducted by a wholesale butcher and results in slaughtering in excess of the normal requirements of the district and for this excess, payment based on a prescribed formula is made to the Council by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. In common with many other districts this involves the inspection of meat outside what are normally regarded as office hours, and at weekends.

During the year, 516 Bulls, Bullocks and Heifers, 1,655 Cows, 46 Calves, 5,140 Sheep and Lambs and 685 Pigs were killed and inspected. The percentages of carcasses affected with Tuberculosis were respectively 6.58, 25.98, 2.17, Nil, and 2.18, and those affected with other diseases or conditions requiring condemnation of some part or organ were 27.9, 48.45, Nil, 3.19, 1.31 respectively.

The Slaughterhouses Act 1958 came into operation on 1st August 1958, and amends certain of the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act 1955, relating to slaughterhouse and knackers' yards and amends the Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 to 1954. Regulations governing hygienic conditions and prevention of cruelty have also been laid before Parliament and come into operation on 1st January 1959. The standards laid down in these regulations will be the basis for future conditions in slaughterhouses and reports will have to be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by Local Authorities.

Other Foods

65 Tins of Meat, Fish, Fruit and Vegetables weighing 92 lbs., were also condemned as unfit for human consumption.

SALVAGE

During the year, this work has been continued and the following has been collected and disposed of:-

	T.	C.	Q.	Value.		
				£.	s.	d.
Paper.	52	14	3	366	-	3
Tins.	29	10	1	91	19	-
	82	5	-	457	19	3

PETROLEUM ACTS 1928/36

During the year, 29 renewals of existing licences were granted under the above Acts.



CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

From the 1st June 1958, the whole of this Act came into force. Certain sections of the Act were already in operation prior to this date.

An important feature of this Act is that Section 29 makes it the duty of local authorities to enforce the provisions of the Act. Hitherto, under the Public Health Acts, local authorities have as a rule had power to take action only where nuisance occurred. A summary of the main provisions of the Act was prepared and sent to all the factories with boiler equipment in the district.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to you for your advice, co-operation and support, also to Councillor Ogden, Chairman of the Health Committee for his support at all times, to Mr. P. Howarth for his invaluable assistance in the office, and to Mr. E. N. Crabtree, Surveyor, for his department's co-operation during the year.

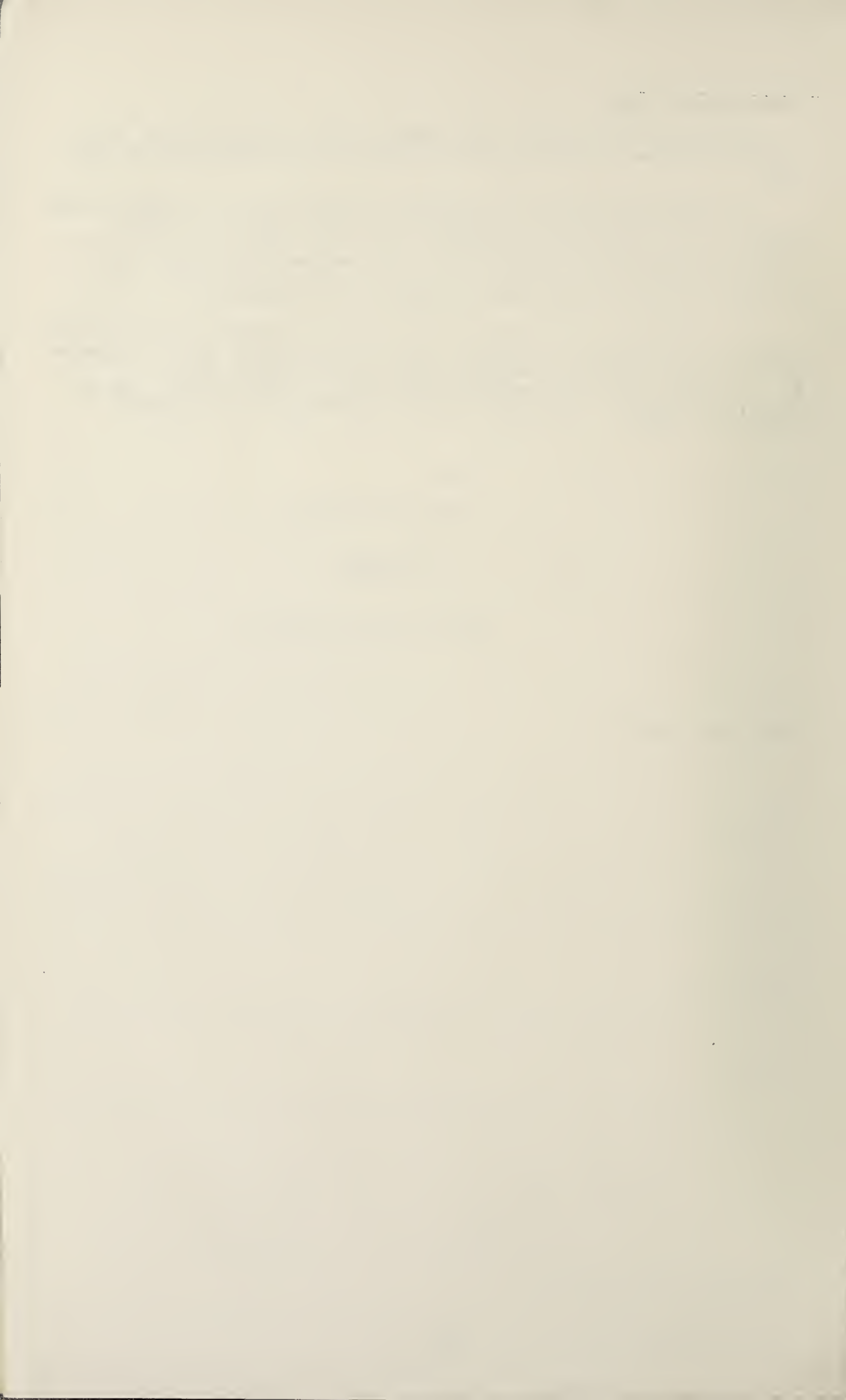
I am,

Yours obediently,

T. KEARNS.

Public Health Inspector.

23rd June, 1959.



NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS ETC. BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

	<u>No. of inspections.</u>
Houses under Public Health Acts.	273.
Reinspections.	99.
Vermin.	-.
Water Supply.	130.
Old Metal Dealers.	1.
Schools.	3.
Rent Acts.	22.
Ashes Accommodation.	139.
Refuse Disposal.	99.
Salvage.	2.
Septic Tanks.	1.
Animals, Birds etc.	2.
Piggeries.	-.
Rats and Mice.	48.
Drainage - Inspected.	563.
Tested.	45.
Conveniences.	14.
Closets - Water.	29.
Pails.	23.
Ice-cream Premises.	9.
Meat Shops.	29.
Food Preparing Premises.	44.
General Food Premises.	42.
Food Inspections.	11.
Shops Act.	140.
Factories (with mechanical power).	31.
do. (without mechanical power).	2.
Slaughterhouses - Meat Inspection.	557.
Offensive Trades.	2.
Rag Flock Premises.	-.
Disinfestation.	5.
Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning.	2.
Disinfection.	-.
Housing - Section 9.	-.
Section 16 and 17.	46.
Clearance Areas.	-.
Other visits.	27.
Demolition.	-.
Overcrowding.	3.
Petroleum Acts.	6.
Smoke Abatement Observations.	4.
Premises visited.	21.
Atmospheric Pollution.	-.
Miscellaneous Visits.	267.
Interviews - Owners, Tradesmen etc.	177.
Samples - Food and Drugs - Formal.	-.
Informal.	-.
Water - Bacteriological.	18.
Chemical.	1.
Clean Milk - T.B. Examination.	-.
Bacteriological.	-.
Factory Outworkers.	3.
Sewers and Street Gullies.	14.
Moveable Dwellings.	1.
Milk Distributors.	6.
Licensed Premises.	1.
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

SUMMARY embodying particulars required to be included in the
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the
Year 1958

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres (at 31.12.58): 7,855. Population - Census, 1951: 10,982.
Registrar-General's estimate of home population, mid-1958: 10,500.
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1958 according to rate books: 3,992.
Rateable value: £99,061. Sum represented by a penny rate: £335.9299.
Social conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area:
Satisfactory. The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton
and woollen goods and synthetic fibres, leather tanning, iron turning
and founding, oil and fat refining, dyeing and finishing.

VITAL STATISTICS

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which
has received or required comment: None.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially note-
worthy in the area during the year: None.

Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a
prejudicial effect on health: None.

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

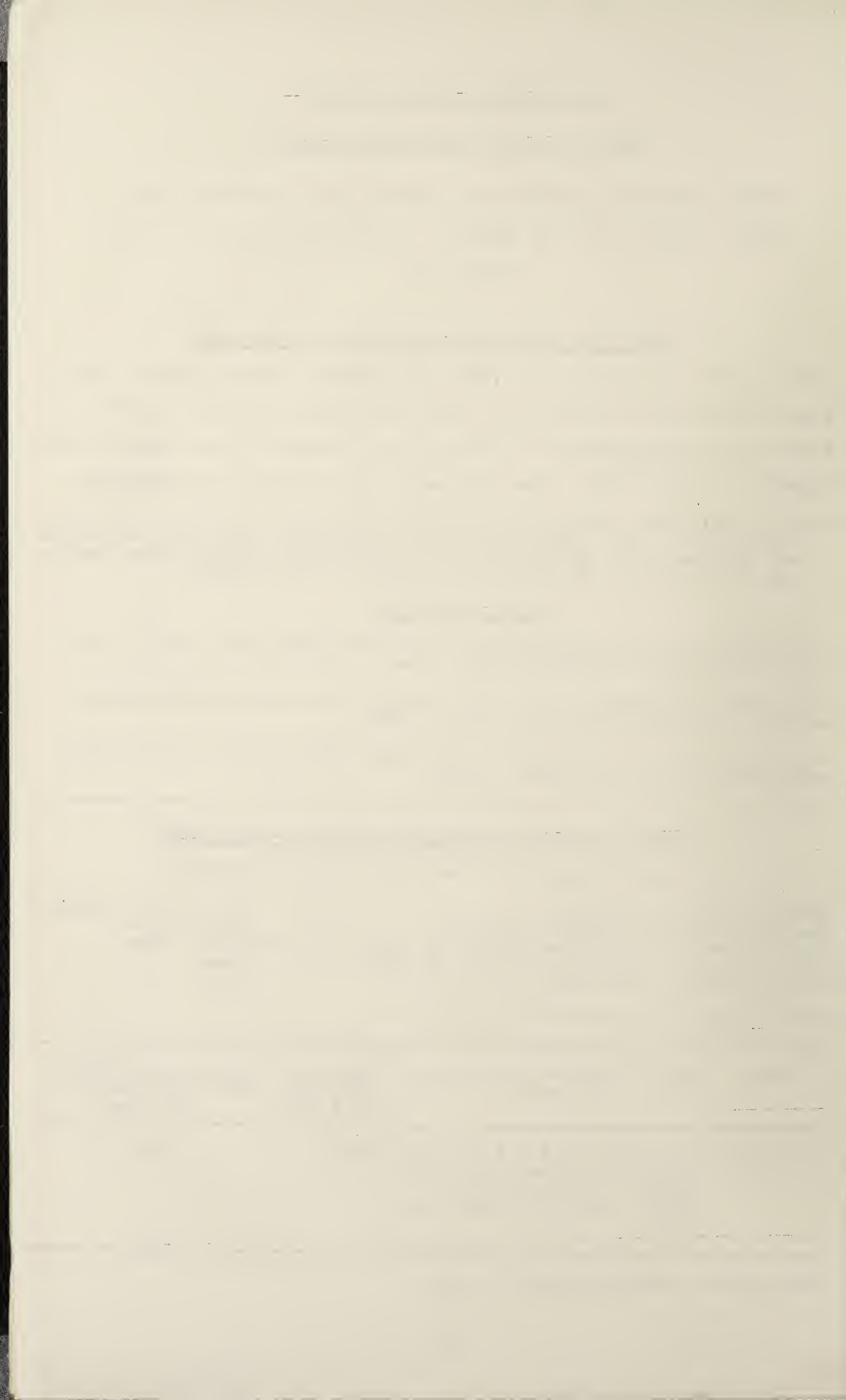
Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer of Health:	Dr. J. T. R. MacGill.
Qualifications and special diplomas:	M.B., Ch.B.
Is he a whole or part-time officer of the Local Authority?	Part.
Any other public appointments held by him?	None.
Is he in private practice?	Yes.

Public Health Inspector(s):-

Name.	Qualifications and Special Diplomas.	Whole or part-time as P.H.I.	Other appointments with Local Authority (if any).
T. Kearns.	C.R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. Inspector of Meat and other Foods. Cert. of R.S.I. Smoke Inspector's Cert. of R.S.I.	Whole.	None.

Other Public Health Officers: None.



Alterations during year to local legislation (including bye-laws) in force in the district (please give dates).

Addition: Part IV of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, from 1st March 1958.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951.

No. of applications for removal made during the year under section 47: Nil.

Number of orders made: Nil.

Comments on operation of the Section: None.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply -

Source of supply.	Moorland Reservoirs.
(a) Authority owning supply.	Rochdale Corporation.
(b) Type (e.g. upland surface, deep wells, etc.)	Upland Surface.

Statutory water undertaker.	Rochdale Corporation.
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Where supply is not obtained directly from statutory water supply authority's mains, state authority via whose mains the supply is obtained.	-
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Give particulars of any new sources of public supply acquired during the year.	None.
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Extensions of water mains during the year.	None.
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Supplies to houses -

(a) No. of houses newly connected to public mains supply during 1958 -	
Existing houses.	1.
Nursing Home.	1.
New houses.	1.
(b) Supply to all houses at end of year -	
From public mains:-	
Direct to houses - No. of dwellinghouses	- 3,453.
Est. No. of population	- 8,909.
By means of standpipe -	
No. of dwellinghouses	- Nil.
Est. No. of population	- Nil.
From private supplies, e.g., wells, springs, etc. -	
No. of dwellinghouses	- 617.
Est. No. of population	- 1,591.

Has the water supply of the area and of its several parts been satisfactory during the year?

(a) in quality:	Yes.
(b) in quantity:	Yes.

If public supply, samples obtained by the local authority during the year of -

(a) the raw water	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.
(b) water going into supply, where treatment is installed.	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.

If private supplies, samples obtained by the local authority during the year of -

(a) the raw water	Bacteriological examinations.	16.
	No. satisfactory.	6.
	No. unsatisfactory.	10.
	Chemical analyses.	1.
	No. satisfactory.	-.
(b) water going into supply, where treatment is installed.	No. unsatisfactory.	1.
	Bacteriological examinations.	2.
	No. satisfactory.	2.
	No. unsatisfactory.	-.
	Chemical analyses.	-.

Action taken by the local authority in respect of any form of contamination of -

(a) public supplies. None necessary.

(b) private supplies. Owners and occupiers notified re precautionary measures following unsatisfactory samples and source of pollution traced where possible.

Any liability to plumbo-solvent action? None.

If so, give facts as to contamination by lead and the precautions taken by the local authority, including use of special material for pipes and number and results of analyses. -.

Analyses. -.

Drainage and Sewerage

Give particulars of sewage disposal works and methods of treatment. Sewage Disposal Works, Lower Mill, Littleborough. Precipitation and Filtration.

Give details of any new works of sewerage and sewage disposal and of any additions undertaken during the year. None.

No. of houses connected to sewerage system during the year. (a) New houses. 1.
(b) Existing houses. 6.

Areas or townships without proper sewerage system and reasons therefor. Calderbrook, Higher Calderbrook, parts of Shore, Hollingworth Fold and Rakewood and low-lying and outlying parts of the District. Distance from existing sewerage system prohibitive or below level of existing sewer.

Sanitary accommodation at end of 1958:

Privy middens -

(i) No. of middens.	Nil.
(ii) No. of closets attached to these middens.	Nil.
(iii) No. of pail closets.	265.
(iv) No. of dry ashpits (excluding middens).	Nil.
(v) No. of movable dustbins.	3,194.
(vi) No. of trough closets.	Nil.
(vii) No. of waste water closets.	158.
(viii) No. of fresh water closets.	3,502.
(ix) Conversions during 1958:-	
No. of privy closets - To fresh w.c's.	Nil.
To pails, etc.	Nil.
No. of pail closets to fresh w.c's.	8.
No. of trough closets to fresh w.c's.	Nil.
No. of waste w.c's. to fresh w.c's.	17.
No. of premises at which movable dustbins were substituted for fixed receptacles.	Nil.
(x) No. of <u>houses</u> on water carriage system.	3,660.

Public Cleansing

Renewal of movable dustbins to dwellings effected -
(a) out of rate fund.

Give brief particulars of the arrangements for -

- (i) Refuse Collection. House refuse collected by 2 covered motor vehicles and extra vehicle for 2 or 3 days per week. Nightsoil collected by a mechanical Nightsoil and Gully Emptier.
- (ii) Refuse Disposal. House refuse - Tip situate at Hollingworth. Nightsoil - Emptied direct into the sewer.
- (iii) Cesspool emptying. As requested by owners.
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Sanitary Inspections during 1958 - (including Housing).

Premises visited	No. of premises visited 1,683.
	No. of visits 2,760.
Defects or nuisances	No. discovered 182.
	No. abated 171.
No. of notices served	Informal 68.
	Statutory -.
Legal proceedings	No. -.
	Result -.

Shops and Offices

Particulars of any action taken under provisions of:-

- (a) Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences. 140 Routine inspections. No special action necessary.
- (b) Public Health Act, 1936, relating to conditions in offices, i.e. ventilation, sanitary conveniences, etc. Nil.
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Clean Air Act, 1956

Date of byelaws made under Section 24.	Operative from 1/10/57.
Number of factory chimneys in the district.	31.
Number of observations taken during the year.	4.
Number of legal proceedings and results.	Nil.
Smoke Control Areas -	
(a) No. of orders submitted to Ministry.	Nil.
(b) No. of orders confirmed by Ministry.	Nil.
(c) No. of houses and other buildings involved in (a) and in (b)	-
(d) Remarks (particulars of exempted premises, if any, etc.)	-
Any special action taken with regard to burning spoil banks, refuse tips, etc.	None necessary.

Particulars of any co-operative action with industry:-

- (i) Regional. None.
(ii) District. A summary of the provisions of the Act has been circulated to all factories in the District.

Any other special action taken with regard to atmospheric pollution. -

Swimming Baths and Pools

Brief particulars of any:

- (a) Public swimming baths or pools. None in the district.
(b) Privately-owned swimming baths or pools open to public. None.
(c) Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water. -.
(d) No. of samples of water taken for examination. Bacteriological. -.
Chemical. -.
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Disinfestation - Action taken during 1958:

- No. of houses found to be infested. (a) Council houses. -.
(b) Other houses. 5.
No. of houses disinfested. (a) Council houses. -.
(b) Other houses. 5.
Methods employed for disinfestation of houses. Spraying and Dusting.
State name of fumigant and/or insecticide used, and efficiency thereof. "Killgercide" Liquid Bed Bug Spray and "Geigy" Lindane/DDT Powder. Satisfactory.
Methods employed for ensuring disinfestation of belongings of tenants before removal to council houses. -
Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor? By Local Authority where required.
Measures taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing. None.
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Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

1. No. of rodent operatives employed - (a) Full time. Nil.
(b) Part time. 1.
2. Action relating to rodent control during year -

TYPE OF PROPERTY

	Non-agricultural.		Agricultural.
	Dwelling houses.	All other.	
(a) No. of properties in district.	4,069	311	79
(b) No. of properties inspected.	48	-	-
(c) Total inspections carried out (incl. re-inspections)	75	-	-
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major.	-	-	-
- minor.	15	-	-
Mice - major.	-	-	-
- minor.	12	-	-
(e) No. of infested properties treated.	27	-	-
(f) Total treatments carried out (incl. re-treatments)	27	-	-
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	-	-	-
(h) Any other action.	None.		

3. Particulars of other infestations under the Act (Sect.28). None.

Schools

Total No. of schools in district at end of year.	9.
Sanitary conditions of schools at end of year -	
(a) No. of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces.	Nil.
(b) Sanitary accommodation - No. of schools with:	
(i) Fresh water closets only.	9.
(ii) Waste water closets only.	Nil.
(iii) Trough closets only.	Nil.
(iv) Pail closets only.	Nil.
(v) Privy closets only.	Nil.
(vi) Other (state type).	Nil.
(c) Drainage - No. of schools with drainage to -	
(i) Public sewers.	8.
(ii) Private treatment works.	1.
(d) Refuse disposal - No. of schools with -	
(i) Dustbins.	9.
(ii) Dry ashpits.	Nil.
(e) Water supply - No. of schools supplied from -	
(i) Public mains.	9.
(ii) Private supplies.	Nil.
No. of private supplies (e(ii)) considered unsatisfactory.	-.
(f) No. of schools where facilities are considered unsatisfactory for	
(i) Washing.	Nil.
(ii) Drinking.	Nil.

Offensive Trades

No. of premises.	2.	Type of offensive trades.	1 Fat Extractor.
			1 Glue Maker.
Any special action taken.	None.		

Factories Act, 1937

Observations on the administration of Parts I and VIII of the Act during 1958.	No special difficulties.
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Means of escape in case of fire (position at end of year)

No. of factories requiring certificates.	4.
No. of certificates issued.	26.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No. of registered premises at end of year on which rag flock or other filling materials were used in manufacture of bedding, toys, etc. - 1.

No. of licensed premises at end of year on which rag flock was -	
(a) manufactured, or manufactured and stored.	Nil.
(b) stored only.	Nil.

No. of inspections during year.	Nil.
Samples taken during year.	Nil.

What are the chief sanitary requirements of the district?

Extensions of sewers to outlying parts of the district

4. HOUSING

(a) Statistics.

	Houses.	Flats.
Number of new houses erected during the year:-		
(i) By the local authority.	-	-
(ii) By other local authorities.	-	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons.	1	-
1. Inspections of dwelling-houses during this year:-		
(1)(a) Total no. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)		720.
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose.		1,082.
(2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:		
(a) No. found during year.		3.
(b) Total No. (or estimated no.) existing at end of year.		93.
(3) No. of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit		96.

2. Houses Demolished:-

In Clearance Areas:

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation.	-.
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-.
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957.	-.

Not in Clearance Areas:

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1), Housing Act, 1957.	-.
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-.
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-.
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-.

3. Unfit Houses Closed:-

	Displaced during year.	
	Number.	Persons. Families.
(1) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957.	2	10 2
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	- -
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	-	- -

4. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
(1) After informal action by local authority.	84	
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts.	-	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.	-	

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

	Number of houses. (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1). (2)
Position at end of year:		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation.		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46.	-	-
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53.	-	

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	Number of houses. (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Col.(1) (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year.	-	-

7. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.:-

Action during year:	Private bodies or individuals.		Local Authority.	
	No. of schemes.	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.	No. of schemes.	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.	42	42		
(b) Approved by local authority.	42	42		
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry.	-	-	-	-
(e) Work completed.	42	42	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above.	-	-	-	-
(g) Any other action taken under the Acts (give brief particulars).				None.

(b) Housing Conditions

1. General observations as to housing conditions, including the standard of houses, the prevalent types, age and approximate numbers and general soundness of the several types - any information as to prevailing forms of defects and of prevailing bad conditions resulting from overcrowding.
- Considerable number of sub-standard houses up to and over 100 years old, of stone construction and of back-to-back type, also a number lacking through ventilation. Inherent defect chiefly dampness. No marked statutory overcrowding existing in district.

Approximate number of	(a) back-to-back houses	600.
	(b) back-to-earth houses	62.
	(c) other houses without through ventilation.	Exact number not known.

2. Movable dwellings and camping sites (other than H.M. Forces) -

- | | |
|--|-------|
| (a) No. of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1958. | Nil. |
| (b) No. of licenses issued by local authority under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of - (i) Sites. | Nil. |
| (ii) Individual movable dwellings. | Nil. |
| (c) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1958 | Nil. |
| (d) No. of caravans permanently occupied. | Nil. |
| (e) Any action under Part IV of Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951. | None. |
| (f) Any other special action taken by local authority with regard to tents, vans, sheds, etc. | None. |

3. Common Lodging-houses.

No. on register.	Nil.
What is their condition?	-

4. Underground Sleeping Rooms.

No.	Nil.
Any need for regulations?	-

5. Canal Boats.

Number inspected.	Nil.
Number of infringements of Acts.	-

6. Sufficiency of supply of houses.

- (a) Give some indication of extent of shortage, stating approximate number and type of houses required.

Approx. 100 houses of two and three bedroom types required to rehouse tenants of unfit houses to be dealt with under Slum Clearance proposals within five years.

- (b) Particulars of any local authority housing scheme -

(i) in hand at end of year	None.
(ii) contemplated.	Contract awarded for eight one-bedroom flats to be erected on the Laneside estate during 1959.

- (c) Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future. None.

- (d) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses. No.

7. Overcrowding.

General observations on overcrowding conditions and any progress made during the year in relief thereof:

No marked overcrowding in the district.

8. Fitness of houses.

- (a) Difficulties found in action under the Public Health Acts or under the Housing Acts.

Reluctance of owners to carry out other than urgent repairs, due to high costs.

- (b) No. of houses which have not an adequate internal water supply. 160.

- (c) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation. 617.

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply - action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations:

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-54:

No. of distributors registered by the local authority and operating from:-

- | | |
|--|-----|
| (a) Dairies in the district. | 10. |
| (b) Shops in the district other than dairies | 43. |
| (c) Premises outside the district. | 5. |

The Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-54.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the local authority during 1958 in respect of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk. 10.

The Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-53.

No. of licences issued in respect of "Heat treated" milk.

Pasteurising plants. Nil.

Sterilising plants. Nil.

Retail distributors (a) "Pasteurised" 19.

(b) "Sterilised" 57.

Any refusal or revocation of licences for designated milk, with reason for the refusal or revocation. None.

Give brief particulars of any structural alterations or improvements carried out to dairies during the year. -.

Action taken by local authority in relation to samples taken in the district:-

	No. of samples.	RESULTS.		
		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	No result.
(a) Raw Milk -				
(i) Tuberculosis - biological tests.	Nil.	-	-	-
(ii) Methylene Blue reduction test.	Nil.	-	-	-
(iii) B. Coli. examinations.	Nil.	-	-	-
(b) "Heat treated" milk -				
(i) Tuberculosis.	Nil.	-	-	-
"Pasteurised" -				
(ii) Phosphatase test.	Nil.	-	-	-
(iii) Methylene Blue reduction test.	Nil.	-	-	-
"Sterilised" -				
(iv) Turbidity test.	Nil.	-	-	-

Result of Ministry investigations by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food within the district during the year arising from notifications of tuberculous milk made by any local authority -

No. of herds examined by veterinary inspectors. Nil.

No. of cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938. Nil.

No. of animals seized. Nil.

No. of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation. Nil.

No. of cases reported negative, no animals seized. Nil.

Action taken under Regulation 19 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. None necessary.

Action taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. None necessary.

Action taken under Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925. None necessary.

2. Meat and other foods (excluding adulteration) -

- (i) Action taken with regard to meat and other foods, including inspection of meat, slaughterhouses, shops, stalls and vehicles, and places where food is prepared, with particular reference to restaurant and hotel kitchens and food factories.

Meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, shops etc., regularly inspected by qualified inspector.

Number of legal proceedings and result. Nil.

- (ii) Is a public abattoir in use in the district? No.
 (iii) Total No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year. 2.
 (iv) No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year for slaughter of horses. Nil.

- (v) Action taken with regard to:-

Ante-mortem inspection of animals. Examination of livestock in lairages prior to slaughter.

Post-mortem inspection of animals. All animals inspected after slaughter by qualified Meat Inspector.

- (vi) Carcasses inspected and condemned within the district:-

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows. Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed (if known).	516	1,655	46	5,140	685
Number inspected.	516	1,655	46	5,140	685
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci -					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	2	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	144	802	-	164	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	27.9	48.45	-	3.19	1.31
Tuberculosis only -					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	2	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	34	430	-	-	15
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	6.58	25.98	2.17	-	2.18
Cysticercosis -					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	3	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1	3	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

- (vii) Examinations of food stocks or consignments during year -

Type of Food.	Total quantity of stock or consignment examined.	Quantity condemned.
Meats.	9 Tins.	11½ lbs.
Fish.	1 "	½ "
Fruit.	30 "	60 "
Vegetables.	21 "	15 "
Soups.	2 "	1¾ "
Evaporated Milk.	2 "	4 Pints.

- (viii) By what method(s) was disposal of unsound food effected?

(a) Carcase meat. Sale by owners to firms dealing solely with this type of commodity.

(b) Other foods. Destruction by burning or buried on the Council's Refuse Tip.

(ix) No. of food premises, by type of business, in district at end of year:-

Type of business.	No.
General grocers and provision dealers.	56
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.	8
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	2
Meat Shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.	16
Bakers and/or confectioners.	16
Fried fish shops.	17
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	9
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments.	31
Others.	26

(x) No. of food premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Acts -

Type of business.	Legislation under which registration effected.	No. registered at end of year.	No. of inspections of registered premises during year.
Ice Cream Premises.	Food & Drugs Act, 1955.	53	62

(xi) Action taken under the Lancashire County Council Acts or other legislation relating to registration of food premises.

Registration of all premises for the storage and sale of Ice-cream and preserved foods, and of Hawkers and their premises.

(xii) Action taken under the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52.

No premises registered for manufacture of Ice-cream.

3. Adulteration, etc. - If the local authority is a Food and Drugs Authority, state action taken in respect of -

(i) Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Sampling during the year:-
Under the direction of the County Council.

(ii) Other Food Acts or Regulations. -.

Name of laboratory at which analyses are carried out:-
County Laboratories, Preston.

4. Clean Food Campaigns - Any action taken by the Council during the year. - No organised campaign.

Have bye-laws for the handling, etc., of food been adopted?
If so, give brief particulars of any action taken under these during the year. - Yes. Routine inspections and verbal and written intimation given regarding contraventions.

5. Action taken under Food and Drugs Act, 1955, or Regulations made thereunder -

During the year further progress has been made with the provision of washing facilities, etc., and with the repair, decoration and cleanliness of premises.



6. Food Poisoning.

- (i) Total notifications (corrected) during year as returned on quarterly Forms 118D and 118E. Nil.
 - (ii) Total number of additional (i.e., un-notified) cases ascertained as a result of investigations into notified cases. Nil.
 - (iii) Total number of outbreaks (an outbreak being regarded as the whole of the cases, being more than one in number, either probably or certainly derived from a single contaminating or infecting source) Nil.
 - (iv) Detail here, separately, particulars of each outbreak included in (iii). Nil.
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6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Review the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the year, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute infectious diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done).

A small number of cases of Measles were notified, chiefly during the months of September and October.

State whether the following diseases were compulsorily notifiable in your district during 1958 by order of the District Council, and, if so, state for what period (see Table on page 18):-

Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	No.
Chicken-pox.	No.
Any others.	No.
Observations.	-.

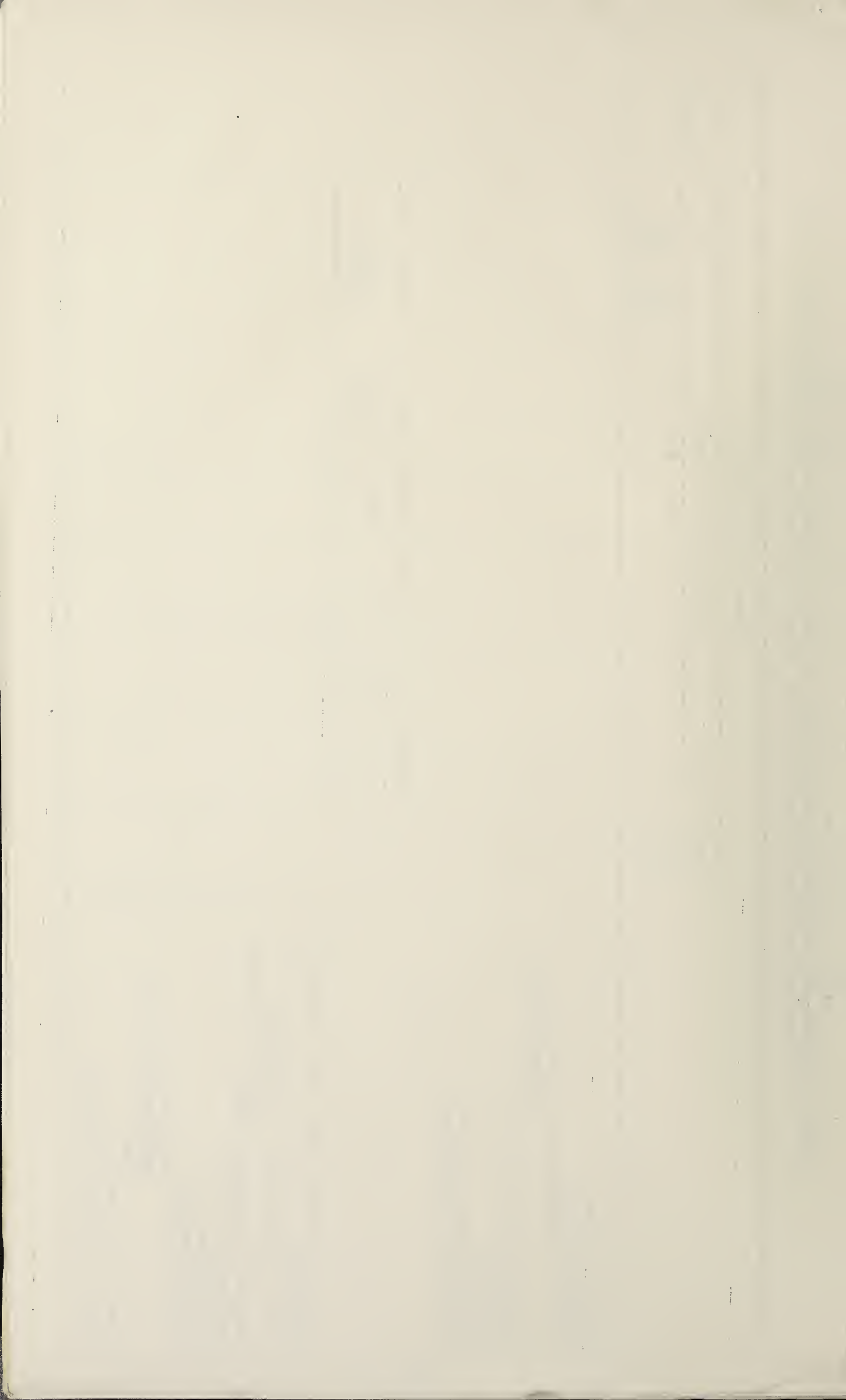
Disinfection after infectious diseases:-

No. of houses disinfected during year.	Nil.
Method (state disinfectant used)	-.
Apparatus used for disinfecting clothing, bedding, etc. (steam or otherwise).	Hand Spray.
Where is apparatus situated?	Council Offices, Littleborough.
Was any action found necessary under the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations, 1952?	No.
If so, give brief particulars.	-.



CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1958.
(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

	Total Cases Notified									Total Deaths.
	Total cases at all ages.	Age Periods - Years								
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15- 25 and Over.	
Scarlet fever.										
Whooping cough.										
Acute poliomyelitis - Paralytic.										
Non-paralytic.										
Measles (excluding rubella).	31	1	3	3	5	7	12			
Diphtheria.										
Dysentery.										
Meningococcal infection.										
Ophthalmia neonatorum.										
Acute pneumonia (prim. and infl'zal)		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over	Age unknown			
Smallpox.										
Acute encephalitis - Infective.										
Post-infectious.										
Enteric or typhoid fever.										
Paratyphoid fevers.										
Erysipelas.										
Food poisoning.										
Tuberculosis - Respiratory.	5		1	2			2			1
Meninges and C.N.S.										
Other.	1	1								
Puerperal pyrexia.										
Other notifiable diseases.										



Public Health Act, 1936

Has any action been taken under section 172, Public Health Act,
1936? No.

If so, No. of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to
hospital. No.

No. of cases in which Orders were granted. -.

Observations. -.

Signed,

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Medical Officer of Health.

16th June, 1959.

